

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for executing a money deposit transaction, in which an operator deposits bank notes in an apparatus for executing the money deposit transaction, comprising the following steps:

inserting the bank notes to be deposited into an input pocket of the apparatus,

checking the inserted bank notes by a checking device of the apparatus at least as to the state of the bank notes and a fitness for circulation resulting therefrom,

transporting at least parts of the bank notes[[,]] which were recognized as not fit for circulation by the checking device, into a storage pocket of the apparatus not accessible by the operator during the ongoing money transaction,

transporting at least parts of the bank notes[[,]] which were recognized as fit for circulation by the checking device, into a storage pocket of the apparatus freely accessible by the operator during the ongoing money transaction,

subsequently transporting the bank notes located in the not accessible storage pocket into a bank note cassette not accessible by the operator.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein at the beginning of the money deposit transaction criteria are predetermined for the bank notes that are to be transported into either or both the freely accessible storage pocket and the not accessible storage pocket.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the criteria relate to one or more of an amount, and a number, a currency, and a denomination of the bank notes.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the criteria are predetermined by the operator by means of a display and input unit.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein the criteria are predetermined by one or more cash desks from which the deposited bank notes have come.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein criteria used by the checking device for checking the bank notes as to their state are changeable.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein bank notes not recognized by the checking device are dispensed into a further, freely accessible storage pocket.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for executing a money deposit transaction, namely depositing bank notes, comprising:

- an input pocket accessible during the ongoing money deposit transaction, for inserting bank notes to be deposited,

- a checking device arranged to check bank notes inserted into the input pocket at least as to the state of the bank notes and a fitness for circulation resulting therefrom,

- a storage pocket not accessible during the ongoing money deposit transaction,

- a storage pocket freely accessible during the ongoing money deposit transaction,

- a not accessible bank note cassette,

- and a transport system arranged to transport the bank notes from the input pocket to the checking device, from the checking device to the freely accessible storage pocket, the not accessible storage pocket, and from this into the bank note cassette,

wherein:

- the checking device is arranged to check the bank notes inserted into the input pocket at least as to their fitness for circulation;

- and further comprising: a control unit[[,]] arranged to actuate the transport system in such a way that bank notes not fit for circulation at least partially are transported

into the not accessible storage pocket, and bank notes fit for circulation at least partially are transported into the freely accessible storage pocket.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 8, comprising the apparatus has a display and input unit[[,]] for the input of criteria for the transportation of the bank notes either or both fit for circulation and not fit for circulation into either or both the freely accessible storage pocket and the not accessible storage pocket.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the apparatus is connected with at least one cash desk which determines criteria for either or both the transportation of the bank notes fit for circulation and not fit for circulation into either or both the freely accessible storage pocket and the not accessible storage pocket.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the criteria relate to one or more of an amount, a number, a currency and a denomination of the bank notes.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the criteria used by the checking device for checking the bank notes as to their state are changeable.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the transport system is arranged to transport not recognized bank notes, under the control of the control unit, into a further, freely accessible storage pocket.